## **News Release**

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## The Last Day to Vote Absentee In-Person is Saturday, October 31, 2015. Election Day is November 3, 2015.

RICHMOND, VA – All local voter registration offices in Virginia will be open this Saturday, October 31, 2015, for the last day of in-person absentee voting. "Absentee voting is a great option that allows eligible Virginia voters to have their voice heard in the upcoming election even if they are unable to go to the polls on election day," said Edgardo Cortés, Commissioner of Elections.

There are 19 acceptable circumstances for casting an absentee ballot and all qualifying Virginia voters are encouraged to take advantage of this program. A list of reasons for voting absentee may be found on the Department of Election's (ELECT) website at <a href="http://elections.virginia.gov">http://elections.virginia.gov</a>. Voters may also find the contact information and hours of operation for their local voter registration office and review the content of their ballot using ELECT's Citizen Portal at <a href="https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation">https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation</a>.

Important absentee ballot dates to remember for the November 3, 2015, general election include:

- The deadline to vote absentee in-person is on **Saturday**, **October 31**, **2015**.
- The deadline for returning your absentee ballot is **Tuesday**, **November 3**, **2015**, by **7:00pm**.

Virginia voters casting an absentee ballot either in-person or on Election Day must show an acceptable photo ID. Voters who do not have an acceptable form of ID may still vote absentee in-person after completing the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application and receiving a Temporary Identification Document from their voter registration office. Virginia voters may call the Department of Elections' toll free number for assistance at 800-552-9745.

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